

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

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Serial No.: Not yet assigned

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For: METHOD FOR MONITORING AND  
CONTROLLING A CENTRAL IP  
BUDGET AVAILABLE TO A  
SUBSCRIBER IN A PACKET-BASED  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
DURING ONLINE CHARGE  
ASSESSMENT WITH LIMIT  
MONITORING OF DATA  
TRANSMISSIONS

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.